

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A vehicle control apparatus (30), comprising: antenna means (31a) for communicating with an authentication information storage device (20) having stored therein authentication information used to authenticate a user of a vehicle; retaining means (33) provided in the vehicle in spaced apart relationship with the antenna means (31a) at a predetermined distance to retain the authentication information storage device (20); and control means (32) for selectively outputting a first control signal to control the operation of a predetermined first device and a second control signal to control the operation of a predetermined second device based on the authentication information received by the antenna means (31a), and in which the control means (32) is operative to output the first control signal to the first device under the condition that the vehicle lock is locked, and the authentication information is matched with predetermined authentication information, and output the second control signal to the second device under the condition that the authentication information is matched with predetermined authentication information after the first control signal is outputted to the first device, the vehicle lock is unlocked, and the authentication information storage device (20) is retained by the retaining means (33).